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In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 871-81 NATHAN et al. Group Art Unit: 2747 Serial No. 09/583,864 Examiner: Unassigned Filed: June 1, 2000 Date: January 29, 2000 Title: PROCESS OF ADJUSTING THE SOUND RECEIVED **VOLUME OF A DIGITAL SOUND** RECORDING JAN 3 1 2001 Assistant Commissioner for Patents Technology Center 2600 Washington, DC 20231 Sir: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. One copy of the reference(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed within three (3) months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required. This IDS is being filed more than three (3) months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance. a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1). b. I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was first cited in the attached \_\_\_\_\_\_ Search Report, dated \_\_\_\_\_ issued in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2). c. Attached is our check in the amount of \$240.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). Please credit or debit Dep Acct No. 14-1140 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.